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KABUL FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: EDITORIAL ON SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. AUGUST 8 PAKISTAN TIMES (LEADING ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY)  
CARRIES LENGTHY EDITORIAL, OBVIOUSLY WRITTEN WITH GOVERNMENT  
SANCTION IF NOT DIRECTION, ON SECRETARY'S VISIT. EDITORIAL  
HIGHLY LAUDATORY OF SECRETARY, MODERATE IN TONE, AND NOTABLY  
UPBEAT ON U.S./PAK RELATIONS. IT DOES CONTAIN CAUTIONARY  
NOTE, HOWEVER, ABOUT U.S. CONCERNS OVER REPROCESSING ISSUE  
AND HESITANCY ON THE HILL ABOUT OUR ARMS SALES PROGRAM.

2. ENTITLED "FRIEND FROM U.S.", EDITORIAL LEADS OFF BY  
NOTING THAT SECRETARY IS NOT ONLY A WORLD STATESMAN BUT A  
FRIEND OF PAKISTAN AS WELL. HE IS COMING AS A "MOST WELCOME  
GUEST". IT ADDS HE HAS "GOOD PERSONAL RAPPORT" WITH PM AND EACH  
TIME THE TWO MEET "MUTUAL TRUST AND UNDERSTANDING HAVE  
DEEPEDED". EDIT STATES THAT PAKISTAN HAS "REASONS TO FEEL  
GRATIFIED WITH" SECRETARY'S ENDEAVORS AND HIS ABILITIES MAKE  
HIM "STAND OUT PROMINENTLY IN THE LONG LINE-UP OF HIS COUNTRY'S  
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DISTINGUISHED STATESMAN".

3. COMMENTING ON CURRENT U.S./PAK RELATIONS, EDITORIAL NOTES THAT THE "UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES WAS NEVER GREATER ... THERE IS A NEAR IDENTITY OF VIEWS ON MOST BASIC ISSUES", AND CREDITS SECRETARY AND PM WITH PUTTING U.S./PAK RELATIONS ON THEIR "PRESENT LEVEL OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING".

4. EDITORIAL SAYS SECRETARY AND PM WILL DISCUSS "WORLD ISSUES" INCLUDING LEBANON, THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH/SOUTH DEVELOPMENTS. ON ARMS SALES, EDIT NOTES THAT GOP HAS GENERALLY RECEIVED SUPPORT AND SYMPATHY FROM US ADMINISTRATION, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY LIFTING OF ARMS EMBARGO. IT ADDS THAT "SALES HAVE BEEN UNDULY DELAYED" BUT PLACES BLAME ON CONCERNS IN CONGRESS OVER SALES TO DEVELOPING WORLD. EDITORIAL POINTS OUT THAT PAKISTAN TAKING STRENUOUS STEPS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS IN THE SUBCONTINENT, ASSERTING THIS PROVES THAT PAKISTAN'S INTENTIONS ARE PEACEFUL AND GOP INTERESTED IN ARMS PURCHASES SOLELY OUT OF LEGITIMATE CONCERN OVER NATION'S SECURITY.

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